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Search Update - Agenda

- 1. What's New?
- 2. Free Google Site Search from DTS
- 3. Free Google Site Search from Google
- 4. DTS & eServices Committed to Search
- 5. Search School Cached Documents
- 6. Questions
- 7. T-Shirt!





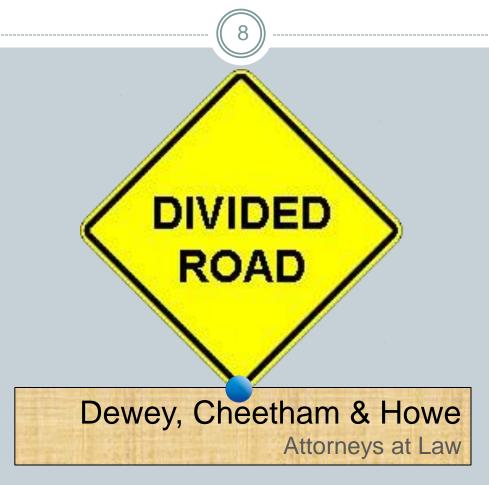












1. What's New?



- Document license upgraded to 10 million docs
- Upgraded to GB-5005 clustered appliances
- More DTS staff trained to assist
- ASP SERP script now available
- Open Parameter PDF "#search"
 - Supported in Acrobat and Reader 7.0+
 - Supported in IE and Mozilla browsers

2. Free Google Site Search from DTS



- "DTS Site Search Service"
 - It's free, so you won't see it on the DTS Rate Schedule!
 - (did I mention it's FREE?)
 - Many State web sites still have
 - Broken search
 - Poor search
 - No search
 - How about FREE Google search?
- To Get Started, read all about it at <u>CA Webtools</u>
- 140 (and counting) State of CA web sites use this service

3. Free Site Search from Google



- "Google Custom Search"
- http://www.google.com/coop/cse/
- Example: Consumer Services Center
 - http://www.consumer-sc.ca.gov/
- No ads for government sites

4. DTS & eServices – Committed to Search



- License upgrade from 2M to 10M documents
- Upgrade completed Feb. 29, 2008
- DTS Content Services Staff added to Search Team
- Collaboration with county, city and local municipalities in the works...
- Custom solutions using Google search.
- SERP scripts for more flexibility and control than XSLT-based results pages. So far we have:
 - ASP DTS Searchmaster
 - PHP DTS Searchmaster
 - JSP volunteer?
 - .Net volunteer?
- Want a GSA Admin Account: just call 916-464-4311

- Which documents are cached on the GSA?
 - HTML, PDF, DOC
- Why do search engines cache documents?
 - Site down? Search Engine can display the pages
 - Client "reader" not required for application docs
 - Faster content delivery (since it's HTML)
 - Faster query term discovery (search term highlighting)
 - Makes PDFs "Accessible"
- How Do I Access the Cached Version?
 - PDF, Doc: click "<u>Text Version</u>" in results
 - HTML: click "Cached"

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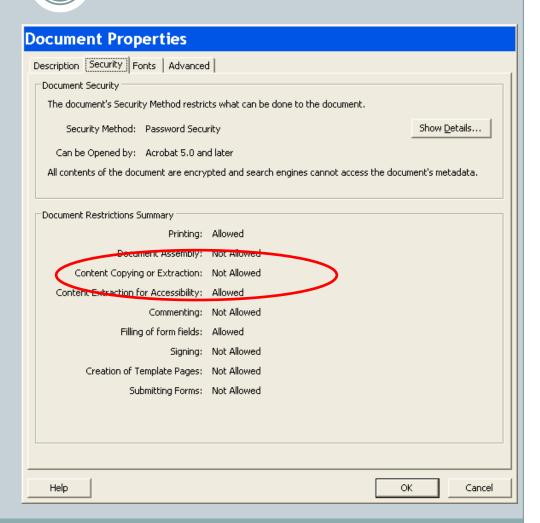
• Search CA for "strategic plan"

- How are docs converted to HTML?
 - The GSA runs the open source PDFtoHTML converter
 - o http://pdftohtml.sourceforge.net/
- When cache (not cash) is a bad thing to have
 - You remove unwanted files from your web site...
 - o ...but the cached version still shows up in search engines

- To prohibit PDF caching:
 - Use Acrobat security
 - Webmaster or Document Provider responsibility
 - Prohibits caching on all search engines
 - Does not allow text copying.
 - The PDFtoHTML process cannot parse the document.
 - Example of doc with PDF Text Security:
 - o Search DMV for "address"

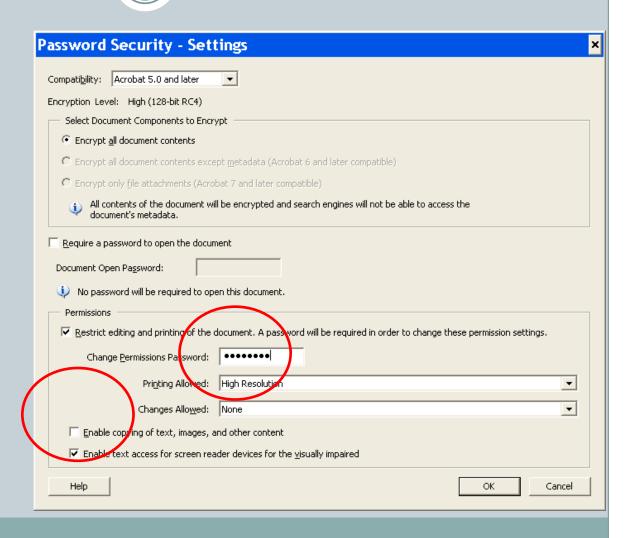
Properties View in Acrobat Reader 7.0

This document will not be cached on any search engine.



Acrobat 7.0 Standard:
Document Properties
>>Security>>Password
Security

Permissions settings to prohibit search engine caching.



- To prohibit HTML caching:
 - O Use the Googlebot tag:
 - <meta name="googlebot" content="noarchive">
- How to Remove Cached Pages
 - From DTS GSA: call 464-4311, ask for "Remove URL from DTS search engine"
 - ▼ Indicate URL or URL pattern.
 - Blocking takes effect immediately.
 - ▼ DTS will also add the URL(s) to the "Do Not Crawl" list (which stops all further attempts to crawl the URL)
 - From Google Web: <u>Webmaster Tools</u>

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Google T-Shirt "Contest"



Solve Puzzle to Win

- Random drawing from all correct answers
- o Send your answer to:
 - searchmaster[at]dts.ca.gov
- Open Deadline to submit your answer:
 - x Friday April 18, 5:00 p.m.
- o It's not as hard as it looks...

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Replace each Egyptian symbol with an Arabic numeral to make this multiplication equation correct. Each symbol always represents the same numeral.

Thanks for Watching

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